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Ms. Diane Eidam
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street, (MS-52)
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Subject: Bi-annual Tri-Counties Report

Dear Ms. Eidam:

Thank you once again for the opportunity for the Tri-Counties of Alpine, Amador and Calaveras regional transportation planning agencies to report on the status of our STIP projects. We feel it is important for the CTC to be kept astride of our successes and challenges we face as an RTPA.

Listed below is a brief status report on each of the STIP funded State highway projects:

- SR 49 Amador Bypass – Advertisement for construction is scheduled for September 22nd.
- SR 4 Arnold Passing Lane – Construction contract has been awarded, however due to state budget delays the project is currently scheduled to begin timber removal and construction in the spring of 2004 after the snow has melted.
- SR 88 Cooks & Hams Passing Lanes – A redesign of cuts and fills has caused additional easement from the Forest Service to be acquired and an environmental reevaluation, however it is still anticipated this project will be advertised and ready for construction in the spring of 2004.
- SR 4 Angels Camp Bypass – PA&ED was completed in May 2002 and design and right of way appraisals have moved forward. However, adequate funding for right of way acquisition has not been allocated and the project faces major delays.

STIP funded new start projects programmed and pending allocation approval:

- SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor – The CTC has approved the Amador County Transportation Commission to be the lead agency for PA&ED at the June 2003 meeting. The PA&ED allocation request was submitted to the CTC also at the June meeting and is pending CTC allocation approval.

- SR 4 Wagon Trail – The CTC has approved the Calaveras Council of Governments to be lead agency at the June 2003 meeting. The PA&ED allocation request was submitted to the CTC also at the June meeting and is pending CTC allocation approval.

Note: The Tri-Counties will prepare and execute MOU II (combining funding) when the Pine Grove Corridor and Wagon Trail projects receive allocation funding.

Local RTPA issues that are being carefully watched include:

- SR 49 Bypass 350,000 cubic meters of excess material disposal location and truck route so there is minimal impact to local communities.
- SR 4 Arnold 20,000 cubic meters of fill material trucking route so there is minimal impact to local communities and travel ways.

Current issues CTC can assist with that are important to the Tri-Counties to continue with successful projects:

- SR 4 Angels Camp Bypass needs \$6.8 million for right of way acquisition, which has allocation approval but has not been high enough on the list for funding due to the State cash flow issues.
- SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor needs allocation approval of \$1.8 million for PA&ED.
- SR 4 Wagon Trail needs allocation approval of \$1.2 million for PA&ED.

Attached are the following documents:

- Tri-Counties STIP Project Costs.
- Tri-Counties STIP Project Schedule.

The Tri-Counties would like to continue to present bi-annual reports to the CTC. As always, your continued interest and support is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Calaveras Council of Governments

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Attachments